

MICHIGAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN	
WORKGROUP NAME:	Supportive Housing
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WORKGROUP STATUS UPDATES
<p>The Supportive Housing Workgroup continues to meet monthly to review and discuss the recommendations made by the two sub-committees:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Supportive Services &amp; Building Community Support Capital &amp; Operating Resources</p> <p>During our December meeting the Initial Recommendations Summary Form was reviewed and the following additional recommendations were made:</p> <p>Strategic Issue 1: <i>Strengthening infrastructure through education and technical assistance to local nonprofits, public systems and housing providers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Place the MSHDA program guide on the WEB</li> <li>▪ Assure that 2-1-1 is aware of supportive housing stock available in local communities</li> <li>▪ Work with 2-1-1 to develop questions for callers to ascertain data regarding potential service and housing needs</li> <li>▪ Support the development of a relationship between 2-1-1 and Continuum of Care Planning bodies</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Issue 2: <i>Assure that services are available and accessible to persons living in supportive housing, including services that allow people to remain in their own homes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need to align the funding commitment of services with the long-term commitment of housing. Service commitments need to match housing commitments</li> <li>▪ Need to develop ways to assure that community service agencies that provide supportive housing services are represented in 2-1-1 and that there are key words associated with this support.</li> <li>▪ Support the funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Issue 3: <i>Increase public support/political will by building an inclusive network of advocates and increasing public awareness. As a result reduce community opposition to supportive housing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commission a statewide cost-benefit analysis of supportive housing including a quality of life analysis</li> <li>▪ Develop and implement a plan to advocate for effective, efficient, flexible service funding</li> <li>▪ Develop/create an on-going, director level forum (that includes DMB, DHS, MSHDA, DCH, DOE)</li> </ul> <p>In addition the following strategic issue was added:</p> <p>Strategic Issue 7: <i>Michigan Affordable Housing Community should be responsive to local communities and provide a wide array of housing options that support personal choice. (The initial recommendations will be added to the web-site.)</i></p>

